TRIBUTE TO ELOISE ROGERS

# HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Eloise M. Rogers, a woman of lasting commitment to service in her community. Just last week, Mrs. Rogers celebrated the happy occasion of her 100th birth-

Born in 1900 in Charleston, South Carolina, Mrs. Rogers was the wife of the late Reverend Preston B. Rogers. Together, they had one son. Not only was Mrs. Rogers a wife and a mother, she was also a homemaker and a farmer. During this time she was active in her community as she served on the Deaconess Board, the Senior Choir, and as the Secretary for the Williamsburg Association. Mrs. Rogers active participation in her community remains as she now resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Currently, she is a member of the Joint Stock Liberty Worth Chapter 171 and a missionary.

Aside from being a selfless community servant, Mrs. Rogers is one of the many unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement that should be celebrated and remembered. She was among the first African Americans to register to vote in Williamsburg County of South Carolina, which is in the Sixth Congressional District I am pleased to represent in the

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in paying a tribute to an individual who epitomizes the virtue of being a public servant. She has made her mark in the church and in the political world, and continues to take part in her community. I ask you to join me in congratulating Mrs. Eloise Rogers on her 100th birthday, and wish for her many happy returns.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I was away from the floor of the House on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, on official business and was unable to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 26.

Had I been present for rollcall 26, I would have voted "vea" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 613, the Indian Tribal Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 2484

# HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. Speaker, I submit for the benefit of the Members a copy of

the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 2484, a bill to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on February 29, 2000 by voice vote.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, U.S. CONGRESS,

Washington, DC, February 29, 2000. Hon. Don Young,

Chairman, Committee on Resources, House of

Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2484, a bill to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the state of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the community may be leased or transferred by the community without further approval by the United States.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Lanette Keith (for federal costs), who can be reached at 226-2860, and Marjorie Miller (for the impact on state, local, and tribal governments), who can be reached at 225–3220.

Sincerely.

BARRY B. ANDERSON, [For Dan L. Crippen, Director]. Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE H.R. 2484—A bill to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the state of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the community may be leased or transferred by the community without further approval by the United States.

CBO estimates that implementing this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because enactment of H.R. 2484 would not affect direct spending or receipts. pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2484 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2484 would allow the Lower Sioux Indian Community to lease, sell, or convey any land held by the community that is not held in trust by the United States. Current law requires Congressional approval before tribes may convey land that is not held in trust.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Lanette J. Keith (for federal costs), who can be reached at 226-2860, and Marjorie Miller (for the impact on state, local, and tribal governments), who can be reached at 225-3220. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERV-ICES OF CHICAGO CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS) for its effort and success in rebuilding urban neighborhoods on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

NHS is a nonprofit neighborhood revitalization organization with programs organized around four major areas of activity: community development, neighborhood lending, real estate development and home ownership education.

NHS promotes community development through 10 neighborhood-based programs offering home ownership, lending and rehabilitation services. Neighborhood Lending Services, the lending arm of NHS and an Illinois Residential Mortgage licensee, administers loan programs that finance home improvement, home safety repairs, purchase and home rehabilitation for low and moderate income families. The NHS Redevelopment Corporation buys and redevelops single and multifamily properties and builds new homes. Redevelopment activity is strategically targeted to support the work of neighborhood-based programs and to promote neighborhood development. NHS's NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center is an innovative approach to providing in one location all the services and training that customers need to shop for, purchase, rehabilitate, insure and maintain a home. NHS's Homebuyer Education and Landlord Training classes are offered at the Center several times per month in English and Spanish.

Since 1975, NHS has rehabilitated more than 20,000 units of affordable housing for Chicago, families, including 334 units of lowincome rental housing owned and managed by the NHS Redevelopment Corporation. NHS has initiated more than 12,000 loans totaling nearly \$250 million to help individuals purchase or rehabilitate homes. NHS has also generated more than \$1 billion of investment in 19 Chicago neighborhoods and reclaimed 990 vacant and abandoned homes for occupancy by new homeowners.

NHS's efforts in community development, neighborhood lending, real estate develop-ment and home ownership education have improved Chicago and its neighborhoods for thousands of families.

I am very honored to commend NHS on its invaluable work. I have witnessed the vital difference NHS makes in our communities and I thank them for their work and commitment.

Once again, I congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago for its exceptional dedication improving Chicago's communities.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

# HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict in my Congressional District on Tuesday, February 29, I was not present for rollcall vote 26. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".